

THE WEATHER:

Cloudy tonight. Tomorrow probably rain. Temperature at 8 a. m., 56 degrees. Normal temperature for September 19 for last thirty years, 67 degrees.

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BRITISH CAPTURE ELEVEN MILES OF OUTPOSTS OF HINDENBURG LINE ON THE PICARDY FRONT

GIRL SHOT BY COUSIN SAYS TRAGEDY WAS AN ACCIDENT

Unaware of the death of her sixteen-year-old cousin, Hugh Tracy, who fired a bullet into his brain after shooting her in the left arm with a revolver pretty Evelyn Hatson, seventeen years old, a stenographer at the Patent Office, at noon today related the events which led up to the shooting. She told her story to Detective Joseph Connors and Mrs. Marian Spingarn, director of women's work in the police department, as she lay on a cot in the Emergency Hospital.

"I know he shot himself, but is he dead?" she asked.

The shooting occurred at the home of Mrs. Bertha Wallace, Tracy's grandmother, 915 N street northwest, soon after 10 o'clock last night after the couple had been playing cards with other members of the family.

Girl Describes Shooting.

"Hugh was in his grandmother's room and I went there to get some matches to light the gas in the hall," she told the police officials. "There was a light burning in the room and I saw Hugh looking at a pistol in a playful manner. I told him to put the pistol away, as he might hurt himself, and as I was afraid of getting shot."

"After getting the matches I went downstairs and lit the gas and then returned to the bedroom to return the match box. He was still playing with the pistol and pointed it about the room, saying, 'This is the way the marines kill the Germans.'"

"I was afraid, and again told him to put the pistol away. I then started to leave the room, telling him I was going home."

"Walt," he said, "I'll go home with you."

"He then put out the light in the bedroom and just as I started out of the room he shot me."

"I cried, 'Look what you have done, and then I ran down the stairs.'"

"As I ran I saw another shot, and I supposed he had shot himself. I was so excited that I do not know what happened after that. It was an accident."

Questioning Continued.

Despite this statement, the girl still is being questioned by Mrs. Spingarn. (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

POLICE SEARCH FOR SLAYER OF BINNS

The identity of the negro who shot and almost instantly killed George Edward Binns, twenty-eight years old, 3026 M street northwest, is still a mystery to the police.

Five persons are held in the seventh precinct police station as witnesses.

Shot in Saloon.

The shooting occurred in a near-beer saloon at 3094 M street northwest last night about ten o'clock.

Binns, witnesses say, was accidentally shot when he attempted to stop a fight between James Eddy, of 2026 M street, and the unidentified man, the bullet being intended for Eddy.

Eddy is held at the police station, but will not disclose any information which might lead to the arrest of the negro.

Police Have Description.

A description of the negro given to the police by persons who witnessed the shooting has been sent to all policemen in the city and a search was instigated early this morning.

The victim of the shooting was married and had three children, John, five years old; Mary, five months old, and George, three years old. Binns was employed by the Hartig Ice Company mornings, and in the afternoon was bartender at the saloon on M street.

The owner of the saloon, James Winpans, of 3094 M street, is held as a witness.

D. C. MAN WOUNDED

Private John Porter is listed in today's casualty announcements as a Washington man. E. H. Gepsalan, 1562 I street, according to the casualty lists, is the nearest relative of the wounded soldier. Gepsalan cannot be located at the street address.

5-CENT FARE MAY BRING UNIVERSAL TRANSFERS

By BILL PRICE.

"Universal" transfers between Washington street railway companies is a strong probability along with the expected ultimate decision of the Public Utilities Commission in favor of a straight 5-cent fare, hearings upon which will shortly begin.

The railroads are not suggesting such transfers, but it will be suggested by citizen organizations and individuals, and there was little doubt today that the members of the Utilities Commission will give serious thought to the subject in writing their probable decision favorable to an increased car fare. There will be no surprise should this desired concession from the railroads be inquired into at the hearing and be incorporated into whatever decision of a favorable nature to the roads is rendered.

Long Desired.

"Universal" transfers have been the theme of every citizen's association of the District for years. It has been often favored by the Federation of Citizens' Association.

The street railways have resisted the efforts for such transfers. That was during a period when they were not conducted in the same manner as now. They may not do so now. They are asking financial concessions from the public which it may be decided that they are entitled to. The public may and probably will ask for some concessions in return and the foremost of these will most likely be interchangeable transfers at certain points in the city.

The time for street railway companies to snap their fingers in the face of the public passed some time ago. One of the Washington companies at least followed that policy to its own serious harm. It has changed its policies. Both of the operating companies here now realize that there are two big interests in a street railway line—the stock and bondholders who furnish the money and the people who pay their money to ride. The public has a long memory and is generally willing to play square when it has been played square with.

Will Seek Facts.

The facts to be sought by the commission, which it can obtain through its experts and those of the railroads, will be whether free transfers between the two companies at important points would seriously lessen the revenues that would be derived from increased fares—that is, lessen the revenues to the point of harm.

Street railway experts associated (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

GERMANS FLEE AS YANKS NEAR RHINE

HASLE, Sept. 19.—The wealthy inhabitants of Mulhausen are evacuating the city, the Nachrichten declares.

The rest of the population are preparing to comply with the military order to leave. A similar exodus from other Rhine towns is reported to be under way, through fear of a Franco-American push in Alsace.

U-BOAT ATTACKS RELIEF VESSEL

CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 19.—The Norwegian steamer Hjoernetjerne Hjoern (5,526 tons) employed in Belgian relief work, was shelled and damaged by a German submarine while en route from America to Amsterdam. It was announced today. She put into Bergen for repairs.

The attack occurred outside the war zone. An inquiry will be held.

AUSTRIA'S PEACE PROPOSAL

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Austria said nothing about peace when Germany was victoriously advancing.

But now when the allies are victoriously advancing Austria wants to stop the awful slaughter.

SINGER SACRIFICES VOICE FOR TROOPS

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink's voice is silent; that is the price she has paid for "doing her bit."

At the Michael Reese Hospital, where she is under care of physicians, it is said only complete rest can possibly restore her voice, exhausted from frequent use when the prima donna sang before thousands of army boys. The immediate malady is a severe cold contracted on her return trip from California.

SLASH FRENCH MOTHER'S THROAT TO STOP PRAYERS AS AMERICANS ADVANCE

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE METZ FRONT, Sept. 19.—While a French mother in Hattenville (a mile north of Vigneulle) knelt by the bed of her sick child, praying for an allied victory as the Americans were approaching, a German slashed her throat, according to stories told by the villagers to American officers.

Lieut. Raymond Pennoyer entered Hattenville with a tank and found the woman's body in a pool of blood beside the bed. Her throat was cut. Villagers told how she was killed.

HOOVER PUTS BAN ON FRIES' MARKET

Found guilty of unfair practices in selling sugar, George N. Fries, proprietor of the Fries Market, 98 Center Market, was placed today under the ban of the United States food administration by Herbert Hoover.

The order is to take effect on September 22. It is the second issue in Washington. All persons holding licenses under the food control act are forbidden to deal with Fries, his servants, agents or employees. All such persons are warned that such dealings will make them amenable to Rule 17, of the Rules and Regulations of the United States food administration which provides for the revocation of the license of any licensee violating the order.

Complaint regarding Fries came through the District food administration, whose agents found he was selling from two to ten pounds of sugar to individual customers without permits. To hide such violations of the sugar regulations, Fries, it was charged, substituted the entry "O. K. for sugar" on the sales slip when he sold more than the permissible amount to a customer.

Convicted at Hearing.

Fries was given a hearing before the District food administration, and found guilty. As the local administration was without power to act, the case was carried to the Federal food administration.

The Food Administration order does not mean that Fries' place of business will be closed summarily, but Fries will be forced to close when his present stock of supplies is exhausted.

If Fries shows willingness to live up to the regulations of the Food Administration, it is said, he will be given another hearing, and if conditions justify the ban will be lifted.

8 BILLIONS TAX LIMIT THIS YEAR

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FAVORABLE REPORT ON POWER BILL

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FOE MAY HAVE SPREAD GERMS OF INFLUENZA ALONG COAST

Widespread appearance of Spanish influenza along the Atlantic coast recalls warnings of navy officials some weeks ago that German submarines may be responsible.

Lieut. Col. P. S. Doane, head of the health section of the Shipping Board, today reiterated the warning. He declared "it is quite possible the epidemic was started by Huns sent ashore by boche submarine commanders. We know that men have been sent ashore from German submarine boats and it would be quite easy for these agents to turn loose the germs in theaters and other places where large numbers of people are assembled."

Original Warning.

When the original warning went out, it followed the capture and retention by a boat commander of crews and passengers from torpedoed ships and their ultimate release again. It was feared that these prisoners might have been inoculated with the germs and then released to spread them. Exceptional care was taken to guard against this.

The fact that the disease has appeared particularly in cities where there are army or naval training camps adds strength to the theory that Germans may have disseminated the germs.

It has been pointed out that the malady made its appearance in Spain after the appearance in ports of that country of German U-boats.

"The Germans have started epidemics in Europe, and there is no reason why they should be particularly gentle to America," said Colonel Doane.

INFLUENZA IN PHILA.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—Spanish influenza today continued to spread among the sailors at the Philadelphia navy yard and the civilian population of the downtown section.

Nearly 400 sailors and marines are being treated at the naval hospital and at the League Island hospital according to an announcement by Chief Surgeon Hickrell.

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—Nurses of the New England division of the Red Cross have been ordered to mobilize here immediately to fight the epidemic of influenza which is taking a heavy toll of victims in and about Boston.

All hospitals are filled with patients and the city hospital here is practically under quarantine. Visitors are barred.

STRIKING MINERS RETURN TO WORK

The loyalty plea has enabled union leaders to persuade the majority of 20,000 striking mine workers in Pennsylvania to return to work.

James R. Neale, director of production of the fuel administration, announced today that he had been advised the miners have decided to await the decision of Fuel Administrator Garfield in regard to their plea for an increase in wages.

Of the twenty-six collieries that were affected, practically all are operating again. It is expected that normal conditions throughout the anthracite field will obtain by Friday morning.

KAISER REPORTED AILING MENTALLY

LONDON, Sept. 19 (3:50 p. m.).—It was learned by the International News Service this afternoon on reliable authorities that rumors still persist in Holland regarding the troubles of the Hohenzollern family, one of which is that the Kaiser is suffering from a mental ailment.

GERMANY AWAITS OFFICIAL REPLIES

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 19.—The German government will take no further political steps regarding the Austrian peace note until the allied replies are officially received, a semi-official dispatch from Berlin stated today.

CALLS U. S. ANSWER 'COLD AND CUTTING'

THE HAGUE, Sept. 19.—"This cold and cutting scorn, this cool rejection, has a more overwhelming and annihilating effect than all the official phrases which the man in the White House could have employed," the Rheinische Westphaelische Zeitung declared, in commenting on President Wilson's reply to Austria.

"The contents of Wilson's reply confirm the view we have already expressed, that Wilson will not depart from the conditions of war aims hitherto proclaimed, and the policy of annihilation can find absolute expression in him. Moreover, he does not give the Austrian proposal any positive examination, and refuses any formal consideration on suggestions of peace, especially the idea of a conference."

U. S. Nurse Wins War Cross

DR. MARY LEE EDWARDS, Of the staff of the Women's Overseas Hospital, now in France, has been awarded the French Croix de Guerre. At the same time she received her commission as a lieutenant in the French army. The hospital of which Dr. Edwards is a member was organized by the Women's Suffrage Party.

SERIES OF FOE ATTACKS ARE BEATEN BACK BY THE ALLIES

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The British have captured more than ten thousand prisoners in their latest drive against the German strongholds between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The British advance between Cambrai and St. Quentin paused yesterday afternoon, and evening only long enough to smash a series of heavy German counter attacks, then swept forward again on a wide front, capturing about eleven miles of the outposts of the Hindenburg line.

The German counter attacks began about 5 p. m. on an eight-mile front between Gouzeaucourt and Trescault, following a terrific bombardment. They were smothered by the British fire. Field Marshal Haig reported today. A few elements entered the British trenches but were annihilated by counter attacks.

The British drive was resumed shortly before midnight. Australian troops dashed forward and occupied virtually the whole outposts of the Hindenburg line from Pontruet northward to Gouzeaucourt.

U. S. ARTILLERY SHELLING METZ

By FRED S. FERGUSON.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE METZ FRONT, Sept. 19.—American aviators today reported shells from our heavy artillery dropping in the center of Metz. A big factory has been struck and direct hits have been scored on the fortifications.

An even week since the start of the American drive in this region finds our army thoroughly at home fifteen miles within the line which the Germans held for four years. The new line has been thoroughly consolidated, roads repaired, and the country generally cleaned up.

Refugees are returning to villages between the Meuse and the Moselle, which had been under shell fire since 1914.

FRENCH REPORT FURTHER ADVANCE

PARIS, Sept. 19.—"Our troops have penetrated Contecourt (two and three-quarters miles southwest of St. Quentin), where the enemy was stubbornly defending his positions," the French war office announced today.

"North of the Aisne we maintained all our positions."

"Northwest of Courlandon (on the Vesle), a German attack was broken up before it reached our lines."

ALLIED ARMIES PURSUE ENEMY

LONDON, Sept. 19 (12:25 p. m.).—The allied armies on the Macedonian front have penetrated to a depth of twelve and a half miles and are relentlessly pursuing the completely beaten forces of the enemy, night and day, according to the latest Serbian war office statement, just received here.

ALLIES ADVANCE IN MACEDONIA

PARIS, Sept. 19.—French, Greek, and Serbian forces have advanced to a depth of more than nine miles on a twenty-two-mile front, on the Macedonian front, the French war office announced. Fifty guns, a large number of prisoners, and strategic positions have been taken.

The text of the statement follows: